

BRISTOL'S BOARD OF HEALTH.

The annual report of the Board of Health to the Borough Council is published in full in to-day's GAZETTE. The statistics it gives show that the general health of the borough has been wonderfully improved over preceding years. Especially is this so in regard to the restriction of contagious and communicable diseases. That dread scourge, diphtheria, claimed only one victim, while from typhoid fever there was not a single death, neither was there a death from scarlet fever.

This favorable showing of only one death from the whole list of contagious and communicable diseases, in view of the former condition of affairs, is extremely gratifying. Taken in connection with the low death rate it places Bristol in the front rank of healthy towns in the State, and the stigma that in former years in former years was attached to it is now entirely unfounded. Bristol is a salubrious town.

How much of this marked improvement is due to the establishment of the Board of Health and its watchful care in having all nuisances speedily abated, and all places of contagious diseases promptly quarantined, cannot perhaps be definitely estimated except by the facts as they are presented in the annual reports of the Board to the Borough and Council.

The work of the Board aided by the willing assistance of the physicians of the borough, has been of great benefit to the general health of the town, and it is an institution that the borough could ill afford to lose. Notwithstanding this there has been a disposition among some of the members of Council to disparage and depreciate the work done by the Board. The small appropriation asked for at the beginning of the fiscal year was cut down to a meagre sum, which has been entirely exhausted, leaving no funds now at its command for any further work.

These facts the people of Bristol are entitled to know. If they desire that the Board of Health should continue to be as efficient in the future as in the past, they should instruct their members of Council to provide a sufficient sum to pay the salary of a faithful Health Officer if they had any doubts that they would not do so upon their own volition. If they are indifferent and are willing to let the town drop into its old rut, and are prepared to submit to epidemics of typhoid fever, diphtheria and kindred diseases, nothing further need be said or done.

CUBA.

For the last day or two there has been considerable excitement in the House of Representatives caused by the agitation of the Cuban question. The Democratic minority seeks on every occasion to drag in and attach to irrelevant bills amendments tending to recognize as belligerents the Cuban insurgents. It is the policy of the gentlemen of the minority to pose as special champions of liberty, virtue and independence, and they would have the country believe that they and they only are the friends of the tortured and persecuted.

Bailey of Texas, Lewis of Washington, and DeArmond of Missouri, have been particularly persistent in trying to break the rules of the House in an effort to jam through their Cuban resolutions. There were a number of very exciting periods during the debate and the self-constituted champions of liberty several times appealed from the decisions of the chair, but each time were met by a solid Republican vote which was cast in deference to the existing rules.

There is no use in denying the fact, though, that it is time now for the administration to take a hand in the Cuban affair. As was just and proper the President showed his willingness to give the new Spanish cabinet a chance to demonstrate its ability in settling the disturbance on the island; that a sufficient opportunity should be given for the trial of the autonomy scheme, but no good results have accrued as the insurgents absolutely refuse to be a party to the measure and claim that they will accept nothing from Spain but complete independence.

It is time now for the United States to take decided action. Spain has shown her utter inability to quell the rebellion. The President's prescribed time for definite settlement has elapsed, and in the meantime a heart-rending state of affairs exists at our very doors.

The Democracy is trying to clothe itself with righteous robes, but the railments have a tinsel effect. The vigorous appeals for justice and the clamorous voices of an irresponsible outfit. Let the party which has always proved itself capable of dealing with momentous questions and great undertakings take a hand, and for the sake of humanity stop this awful warfare.

The very fact that a handful of patriotic countrymen here defied the Spanish powers and declared that they will accept nothing but the liberty which they so dearly love, and have suffered, bled and starved in the effort for such action, should stir such a nation as the United States to action and enlist her willing aid to a holy cause.

LEAVING FARMS FOR CITIES.

The tendency of young men born and reared on farms to leave the country for towns and cities is certainly an unhealthy movement in a large sense and unprofitable to many of those who embark in it.

Properly and steadily followed, there is no safer business than farming, nor any more certain to yield satisfactory results. In very many instances they who abandon it for city life live to regret the change. The farmers' institutes and farmers themselves ought to be able to develop a higher interest in the occupation and more of a certain sort of esprit de corps among those who follow it.

The Ohio Senatorial contest has fully demonstrated the fact that the office of United States Senator should be filled by the direct vote of the people. A method which permits their expressed wish and imperative command to be disregarded is wrong and a more satisfactory arrangement is desired. If the Presidential electors should adopt the tactics of some of the members of the Ohio Legislature there would probably be a lynching bee.

The Media Democrats and Prohibitionists have fused with the hope of winning Congressional honors. Well! here's to 'em. Nothing like a little water with pure Democratic whiskey.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A Haverhill man gave the leader of a street band a twenty dollar bill as an inducement to have his aggregation of musicians play "Rocky O'Grady" and "A Hot Time in the Old Town." It is hardly necessary to state that the Haverhill gentleman was hustled off to the insane asylum without any further evidence being offered.

Marcus Aurelius Hanna won a great race in Ohio. Of course he could have come out considerably further ahead, but that would not have been near so exciting or interesting to the spectators. Marcus delights in grand stand finishes.

The application of a gentleman of Mugwumpian proclivities for membership in Croker's Democratic Aid Society was rejected with haste. Nothing but the Simon pure article is allowed to enter the enchanted circle.

If all of the departments under national control would follow the lead of the San Francisco mint the Dingley tariff would soon prove to be all that is claimed for it. The superintendent of the San Francisco institution reduced wages of employees, thereby saving \$20,000 annually. It is a well-known fact that among the minor positions under the Government salaries are paid which are in excess of the earning capacity of the incumbents.

The United States has, without causing any alarm or exciting any adverse comment, assembled a pretty good fleet of war vessels off Key West. The Atlantic squadron is in southern waters under the guise of indulging in winter maneuvers. The vessels are in daily communication with the authorities at Washington.

Congressman Wanger voiced the sentiments of his constituents when he registered his protest against the appropriation of \$130,000 for free seeds. This gratuitous distribution of seeds has gotten to be a very expensive affair, especially as Uncle Sam yet spends more money than he takes in.

"Joe" Cannon very tersely says "we do not need currency reform and could not get it if we did."

Congressman Mudd is one of the many Republican Senatorial aspirants in Maryland. His name will be of easy recognition after the balloting has ceased.

The 14,000 operatives who have quit work on account of the reductions in wages in the New England cotton mills have made a grave mistake by taking such action. The strikers ought to realize that the reduction was a dire necessity on the part of the management and that the pay roll lost during this self-willed idleness would more than equal the loss occasioned by the ten per cent. reduction.

There was no indirectness of meaning when the Newell crowd selected a party name to place upon the ballot in Philadelphia. As the law compels all candidates' names to appear under a party heading, the bolters from the Republican convention will sail under the banner inscribed "Anti-Martin Party."

A Pennsylvanian went through a serious operation and had a quantity of iron removed from the region of his fifth rib which had accumulated from inhaling filings. The possession of an iron nerve can probably be accounted for in the same manner.

"Hoke" Smith, like Senator Hanna, won his distinction by a narrow margin. That was the only smile in the two great contests. "Hoke" organized the house by getting himself elected chairman, but there he stopped. Hanna's opponents did the organizing, but the big man from Cleveland knocked the persimmon.

The following shows what weight and influence the Business Men's League carries: Rudolph Blankenburg, the secretary of the organization, telegraphed to Senator Frye, chairman of the committee on commerce "For the honor of the nation, hold Senator's nomination up." The result was that Senator Saylor was confirmed and the unusual proceeding of immediately notifying the President of the confirmation took place. It was a signal victory for Senators Quay and Penrose.

Democratic Primaries.

The Democratic primaries held at the several places last evening were entirely harmonious, all nominees for office in the different wards being elected by acclamation with the exception of Assessor and the two-year terms for Council in the Third ward where a former hope is entertained that a Democrat might slip in on account of the factional fight waged there by the Republicans of the ward.

The ticket selected in the First ward is: For Council, Robert Hetherington, Samuel Williams; School Director, Robt. W. Brooks; Assessor, Robt. P. Braden; Judge of Election, Samuel Patton; Inspector, J. Curtis Howell.

Second ward:—For Council, Charles Gillen, Charles J. McVain; School Director, John Smith; Assessor, John W. Coleman; Judge of Election, Henry Bach; Inspector, Arthur P. Brady.

Third ward:—For Council, for 2 years, Edward K. Young, John Barton; for 1 year, John K. Young, Assessor, Samuel Gilbert; Judge of Election, Charles Dugan; Inspector, Antonio Terneson.

Fourth ward:—For Council, Morris McGue, John V. Kelley; School Director, Neil McGinley; Assessor, Dennis A. Dugan; Judge of Election, Thomas McGinnis; Inspector, James Dugan.

No person could be persuaded to stand for Constable in the Fourth, there being a superposition connected with the office that it will bring bad luck. One Constable having recently died and another imprisoned, besides there are supposed to be a number of speak-easies which would require investigation and no Fourth warder cares for the job.

The Borough Convention, which convened immediately after the adjournment of the ward meetings, nominated for Tax Collector Henry C. Bendure, and for Auditor for three years Edward J. Leigh.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A change of time of the trains on the Pennsylvania railroad went into effect last Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Chipman made an address on Tuesday evening at the revival services now being held at the Baptist Church.

Harry T. Moon, of Tullytown, is erecting a new store building and hall opposite his present place of business, where he will move when it is completed.

Rev. Hope DeWitt, of Jacksonville, Ill., will occupy the pulpit of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wood street, on next Sunday morning and evening. His many friends are invited to the services.

Lewis T. Garrett, M. D., who has been residing with his brother-in-law, R. B. Bailey, between Bristol and Croyley, died on last Sunday night of cancer. His remains will be interred to-day at Elwin, Delaware county.

Tramps are said to be giving the people near Bristol a great deal of trouble. A gang of them on Saturday caught a peddler near Morrisville, took his pack, robbed him of his money and tied him to a tree.

Mrs. Singler, of Germantown, will give a clinic talk to mothers and daughters, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. next Wednesday, January 26th, at 3 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church; all are invited to attend.

Mrs. G. W. Strauser's Class will give an Entertainment consisting of recitations and music Friday evening, January 26th, at 7.45 P. M. in the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church. Cake and Lemons will be for sale. The proceeds are for the Chapel Fund.

William C. Tyler has leased for a period of five years with privilege of renewal, to William Grace the large building on the corner of Radcliffe and Mill streets. It will be renovated inside and out. Mr. Grace will occupy it both as a store and residence and will take possession about the first of April.

FIRST WARD.

Chairman of convention, Wm. H. Boor.
Secretaries of convention: Harry C. Evans, Thomas Scott.
For Council: James Wright, Harry H. Poole.
School Director:—Wm. H. H. Hall.
Assessor:—Albert Van Horn.
Judge of Election:—Harry Mackie.
Inspector:—John Hollings.
Executive Committee: E. W. Minster, Chas. Appleton, A. K. Joyce.
Delegates to Borough Convention: Harry Cornett, C. E. Scott, Samuel Scott, Fred K. Stuckert, Horace C. Booz, F. G. Edwards, Thos. Scott, J. G. Bell, H. C. Evans.

SECOND WARD.

Chairman of Convention, F. Frank Soull.
Secretaries: R. B. Kelley, A. F. Yeutter.
For Council: Wm. W. Allen, Alfred Pearson.
School Director: William L. Bell, for 3 years.
Assessor:—A. Lincoln Watt.
Judge of Election:—Willard Bevan.
Inspector:—C. Fred Nevegold.
Executive Committee: Wm. Barnhill, G. Wright, George Metz.
Delegates to Borough Convention: R. B. Kelley, William Priestley, George Wright, A. F. Yeutter, A. Lechner, A. Lincoln Watt, Geo. Marshall, Isaiah Clark, Chas. B. Cobley.

THIRD WARD.

Chairman of Convention:—Harry H. Smith.
Secretaries: Thomas Clare, Jr., E. M. Keating.
For Council: Frank F. Plum, Fred Byers.
Assessor:—Edward Minster.
Judge of Election:—Silas Moss.
Inspector:—Thomas Clare.
Executive Committee: Engle Smith, W. P. Fine, Harry H. Smith.
Delegates to Borough Convention: Newberry Opydke, R. Fetter, Morris Keating, Wm. Ennis, Geo. Hetherington, Harry Addis, Wm. Milnor, John Readley, Harry Plum.

FOURTH WARD.

Chairman of Convention:—Wm. Hardy.
Secretaries: John P. Gallagher, Andrew Jeffries.
School Director:—Adam Swales.
Assessor:—Andrew J. Quigley.
Judge of Election:—Jacob L. Schell.
Inspector:—Jas. B. Myers.
Executive Committee: J. Robert Pearson, Ellsworth McDonald, John T. Smith.
Delegates to Borough Convention: Jno. B. Myers, Vivian Potts, Ellsworth McDonald, Richard Wade, Sr., Leon Scott, Wm. Radcliffe, Alfred Barnfield, John Reihl, Wm. Washington.
After the adjournment of the Ward Conventions the Borough Convention was held in Evans' Hall. E. W. Minster called the meeting to order and Chas. E. Scott was chosen chairman, and Harry C. Evans and Thomas Scott, secretaries. The empty honor of the nomination for Tax Collector went begging for some time but at last Bradella Lowry, of the Fourth ward, was unanimously chosen. The next nomination was that of an Auditor for three years. James Boyce of the Second ward and Vivian Potts, of the Fourth ward, were put in nomination. The chair said that the Second ward had an Auditor and that the convention knew who to vote for, consequently Boyce's name was withdrawn by George Wright and Potts was chosen by acclamation. The convention then adjourned at 11.45.

Base Ball Club to be Formed.

There will be a meeting this evening of a number of base ball men at the corner of Mill and Oster streets, opposite Wesley Wright's store, at eight o'clock, where all persons interested in the game are invited to attend. Ways and means will be discussed for the forming of a strong club. It is the intention to raise one or two hundred dollars for the erection of benches, laying out a diamond and for the purchasing of new suits.

The Nominating Conventions.

The Republican primaries were held on Monday evening in the usual places, and nominations made to fill the ward and borough offices becoming vacant this spring. The First and Fourth ward nominations were made by acclamation, there being only one candidate in the field for each of the offices. There was a large delegation present at the Second ward convention, where there were five candidates for Council, two to be selected, four of whom being employees of Thos. L. Leedom & Co. The candidates were Wm. W. Allen, who received 98 votes; Alfred Pearson, 92; Gustav Rathke, 88; N. Morgan Stephens, 79, and Fred Collier, 77. In the contest for Assessor, A. Lincoln Watt, the present incumbent, received 141 votes, and Robert Clark, 83. The rest of the ticket was filled by acclamation.

The Third ward convention was looked forward to with intense interest, on account of the rivalry between Harry H. or "Hoke" Smith, ex-Deputy Harbor Master at Philadelphia, and ex-County Treasurer Harry B. Banes, who backed Esquire Wm. Lounderbough for the chairmanship of the convention. Messrs. Smith and Banes had skirmished the ward to see that their friends were out in full force. The election of the chairman resulted in a vote of 88 to 84 in favor of "Hoke." The crowd then began to cheer and called for a speech. Mr. Smith mounted the platform, took off his coat, and with a smile that denoted extreme satisfaction, made a speech in which he thanked his friends "from the bottom of his heart" for the honor conferred upon him. When the enthusiasm had died out the contest was renewed between the factions in the selection of two Councilmen for the two-year term, for which there were five candidates, Frank F. Plum receiving 104 votes, Fred Byers 87, William McCoy 49, Charles H. Baker 46, and Frank Vanzant 42, the two highest receiving the nomination. In the contest for Assessor Edward Minster, who has been the Assessor for the past nine years, was renominated by a vote of 91 to 59 for Michael Keating.

The Executive Committee will meet on Monday evening at the office of E. W. Minster, the present chairman.

Tullytown Primaries.

The Democratic and Republican primaries were held Tuesday evening and in both conventions there was a sharp contest for the Assessorship. In the selection for Council men were chosen who were known to be favorable to the wheeler who have heretofore felt that they had been somewhat oppressed by the strict bicycle laws of the town. There was just two-thirds of the total vote present at each of the primaries, which displays the interest taken in the nominations.

The Republican Convention was called to order by G. P. Chamberlain. John Burton was chosen chairman and Chas. Mannington secretary. B. C. Kirby, Thomas Owens and Robert Chas were nominated for Assessor. One ballot was taken and resulted in the nomination of the following ticket:

Assessor, Thos. Owens; Auditor, 3 years, James Brennan; Auditor, 2 years, James Randall; Town Clerk, C. Wesley Donn; Council, 8 years, Dr. C. H. Read, B. C. Kirby; Council, 1 year, Chas. A. Ashton; School Directors, Chas. Mannington, O. P. Chamberlain; Judge of Election, George Miller; Inspector of Election, Jacob R. Davis, Jr.

The Democratic Convention was called to order by the Chairman of the Standing committee, Henry Kovetz. Ellwood Leland was chosen permanent chairman, and Amos B. Carlin and Frank Carlin secretaries. The only contest was for Assessor in which Frank S. Hogeland defeated Charles B. Bennett. The ticket is as follows:

Assessor, Frank S. Hogeland; Auditor, 3 years, John W. Morgan; Auditor, 2 years, William Burton; Town Clerk, Charles Herman; Council, 8 years, Wm. H. Carman, Jacob White; Council, 2 years, William Woodside; School Directors, Amos B. Carlin, Walter Williams; Judge of Election, Ellwood B. Swanger; Inspector of Election, George Carman, Jr.

Annual Report of the Bristol Board of Health.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BRISTOL, GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with the Act of Assembly the annual report of the Bristol Board of Health is hereby respectfully submitted.

The collection of vital statistics for the year since the Board of Health has been in operation is already forming a valuable record showing the causes of death and the rate of mortality for each year, and by comparison of the data obtained with that of former years the relative degree of health in each year is shown.

During the year 1897 there were fewer deaths in the borough than in any preceding year since the formation of the Board of Health. The total number of deaths, excluding 4 stillborn, was 103, making the death rate for the year, (estimating the population at 7,000), at 14.5-7.

The causes of death during the year were as follows: Asthma 1, apoplexy 3, bronchitis 2, consumption 10, catarrhal pneumonia 1, congestion of lungs 3, congestion of kidneys 1, convulsions 9, cancer 1, Bright's disease 2, cirrhosis of liver 1, cholera infantum 1, cerebral abscess 1, consumption of bowels 1, cerebral anemia 1, diphtheria 1, drowning 3, debility 1, exhaustion 1, general debility 3, heart diseases 14, hernia 1, gastric fever 1, inanition 3, inflammation of bladder 1, marasmus 4, pneumonia 10, peritonitis 3, paralysis 4, pyemia 1, pueris 1, nervous prostration 1, unknown natural causes 2, senile debility 6, stillborn 4, obstruction of bowels 1, sclerosis of liver 1, meningitis 2, tetanus 2.

Deaths grouped according to age:—Below 5, 27; between 5 and 10, 1; 10 and 20, 4; 20 and 30, 9; 30 and 40, 11; 40 and 50, 10; 50 and 60, 13; 60 and 70, 10; 70 and 80, 11. Above 80, 7.

The number of contagious, infectious and communicable diseases reported to the secretary by physicians during the year is as follows:—Typhoid fever 24, scarletina 2, scarlet rash 9, diphtheria 11.

Physicians reported 126 births during the year, and 627 marriages during the year. Ten nuisances reported by the Health officer during the year were abated.

There were seven meetings of the Board during the year at which a quorum was present.

The amount appropriated by Council for the use of the board was inadequate, and its usefulness correspondingly crippled, there now being no funds available at the command of the board to pay existing obligations or to prosecute any further work for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD PURSELL, President.
Attest: JESSE O. THOMAS, Secretary.

The musical entertainment for the benefit of St. James church at the parish building on Tuesday evening, under the direction of Prof. W. H. J. Wilson, was an entire success. There was a good sized audience present, and the numbers on the programme were all received with great favor. Those who participated in rendering the programme were: Miss Nellie Packer and Mr. and Mrs. William Price, of Philadelphia, Miss Sara Lake, Carrie Gilbert, May Wetling, Katie Flowers, Sadie Gilbert, Miriam Laing, Jessie Wright, Nellie Holt, Marion Smith and Messrs. W. H. J. Wilson, Herbert Baker and Leon Danfield.

The nomination of John K. Young, for the short term of Council in the Third ward by the Democratic primaries, was without his knowledge or consent, and he has promptly declined the honor. If a Democrat should happen to be elected to Council from the Third we know of no one who would serve the people of the ward more acceptably than Mr. Young. We understand that the Democratic Committee will meet this evening and put a substitute on the ticket.

The Rev. Father Markes, of New Hope, has been appointed pastor of the new parish of Lansdowne and Fernwood, Delaware county. He will take charge the coming week and celebrate mass in Lansdowne Hall on January 28th.

List of letters remaining in the Bristol Post Office, week ending January, 20th. Bernard Boyle, Isabella W. Campbell, John Drury, Mrs. John King, Mrs. Joseph Harding, and Orwin Yoss.

Coal.

Pea coal has advanced at wholesale 30c a ton, other sizes may follow. W. F. Leedom has a large stock on hand and will continue to sell at the same price. Large No. 2 Chestnut \$3.50, Stove, Chestnut and Egg \$5.20 and \$5.75.

BRISTOL IMPROVEMENT CO.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.
Sale of Carpet Mills Rented.—Report of Treasurer, Secretary, etc.

BRISTOL, PA., JAN. 18, 1898.

In pursuance of call duly issued the stockholders of the Bristol Improvement Company were called to order by the President in annual meeting in the Bristol Library at three o'clock p. m., 3480 shares being represented in person and by proxy.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was presented, read, approved and ordered spread upon the minutes and is hereto appended. The report of the Board of Directors was presented, read and approved and ordered spread upon the minutes and is hereto appended.

The following nominations for office were made: Directors, Charles Leedom, George A. Shoemaker, A. Weir Gilkeson, John Burton, and Amos B. Headley. For President, John Burton; Secretary, A. Weir Gilkeson; Treasurer, William V. Leech. There being no other nominations made, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the above mentioned nominees.

The chair appointed Dr. Howard Purcell and Jesse W. Knight to act as election officers who, being duly sworn in accordance with law, received the ballot of the meeting and announced the following as the unanimous result of the vote. For President, John Burton; Secretary, A. Weir Gilkeson; Treasurer, William V. Leech.

Directors:—Charles Leedom, George A. Shoemaker, A. Weir Gilkeson, John Burton, and Amos B. Headley.

Under the head of new business the secretary presented and read a contract of sale between Thomas L. Leedom and the Bristol Improvement Company for the sale of the carpet mill; after the reading of this contract the secretary offered upon the part of the Board of Directors the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the agreement made by the Board of Directors with Thomas L. Leedom for the sale of the carpet mill property at the price of ninety thousand dollars be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by the stockholders of the Bristol Improvement Company in annual meeting assembled this 18th day of January, 1898.

Resolved, That the Bristol Improvement Company sell to Thomas L. Leedom the property in the borough of Bristol, Pennsylvania, and comprising the mill buildings and lot of land bounded by Canal street, Beaver street, the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad, and land now or late of C. Newlin Peirce and others for the price or sum of ninety thousand dollars, and that the President, Secretary and Treasurer, or other proper officers, be hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver upon the part of the Bristol Improvement Company and as and for the act and deed of the said company such conveyance or assurances in the law as may be proper and requisite to vest in the said Thomas L. Leedom, his heirs and assigns the fee simple of the said mill buildings and lot of land for the price or sum of ninety thousand dollars.

Resolved, That in settlement of the purchase money the Board of Directors be authorized to accept from the said Thomas L. Leedom the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in cash and such security for the remaining seventy-five thousand dollars upon such rate of interest and at such time or times of payment as to them shall seem best.

After discussion and upon motion these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions were then presented and upon motion adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be authorized and directed to purchase stock of the company at such price as to them shall seem best at any time from any available funds:

Resolved, That when the appropriated cash on hand and purchased stock amount together to \$50,000 that the Board be authorized if in their judgment desirable to take such steps as the law may require to reduce the capital stock of the company.

It was then upon motion resolved that the Board of Directors be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed in full and to send a copy of the same including the reports of the Treasurer and Board of Directors to each stockholder.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. WEIR GILKESON, Secretary.
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Personal Mention.

Ex-burgess Raymond F. Buseman and family, have removed to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Henry Shields formerly of Bristol, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Weaver.

Mrs. Mary Closson left yesterday evening for San Francisco, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Helen Chew and Miss McCloud, of Washington, D. C. have returned with Miss Ethel Gilkeson from the Capital City.

Rev. W. H. Chipman and wife, formerly pastor of the Bristol Baptist Church, now of Harrisburg, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Groff.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson, and Mrs. P. O. Kidd, attended a skating party Saturday afternoon, at the West Park Skating Palace, Philadelphia.

—John R. Pierson and Howard Williams have formed a partnership under the name of Pierson & Williams for the manufacture of knit underwear and hosiery. Mr. Pierson and Mr. Williams have been conducting separate mills for the manufacture of these articles.

Klondike Map Free.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway have issued a very complete map of the Klondike and Alaska gold fields, and the mining laws of Alaska and British Columbia. Copies will be given the readers of the GAZETTE free upon application to W. B. Kniskern, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Coal Will Not Advance in Price.

There will be no further advance in the price of coal this winter. Having purchased a large quantity of the best Lehigh Coal I am now prepared to receive orders at \$5.40 net gross, ton, which is equal in price to \$4.82 for a net ton of 2000 lbs.

I will guarantee the quality of this coal equal to any coal in Bristol. 25 cents on a ton discount for cash with order. Call and get a present of handgrips case of needles.

WILLIAM E. DONOHUE, Quartermaster and Market streets.

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

The Doylestown Democrat is fearful that the Virginia Anti Flogging law may become national in its scope and inquires with eloquence "how we young fellows can protect ourselves from the 'sleep's eyes' the girls are in the habit of throwing at them?" If we can be of any service to the Democrat we wish to be commanded. As a repelling force in connection with "sleep's eyes" we are graded high.

There is a barrelful of truth in the following paragraph taken from the Narristown Herald: The evil of vagrancy is attaining enormous proportions, although there is seldom any real necessity for such habits. Searching for work is often the excuse given for it, but it is a well-known fact that fixed habitation is one of the best recommendations to persons wanting employment. Labor performed by wandering vagrants is very seldom satisfactory to their employer.

It does not take much deciphering to find out what the Perkiomen Ledger thinks of an appropriation of \$130,000 for free seed distribution. It says: "The tail of the requested appropriation should be cut off immediately behind the ears, and this free seed humping stopped."

The residents of Conshohocken, Pa., are struggling in their efforts to be served with pure food and drink. The Recorder, of the above town, says that the agitation has resulted in one of the directors of the water company promising that his corporation will place a filtering plant at the works as quickly as one that is practical can be found.

Last week the Harleysville News issued an eight page number. The issue was filled with excellent reading matter, principally descriptive of Harleysville past and present. One of the principal features was the half-tones showing the residences of Harleysville. The occasion of the double number was the house-warming of the News which moved into new and commodious quarters.

In speaking of the nomination of Judge McKenna for the Supreme Bench the Yardley Review says: "The objection raised against the nomination was sectional and of a flimsy character, in view of the recognized ability and fitness of Judge McKenna."

The Doylestown Republican is pleased to announce that in the latest report to the Court, the Board of Visitors recommend the change of the name of the Bucks County Almshouse to the "Bucks County Home." The Republican has urged this change, for it is true as it says that there is a certain stigma attached to the word Almshouse.

The Bucks County Intelligencer certainly had a dyspeptic streak last week. The President of the United States is censured for interesting himself in the Ohio Senatorial contest and for encouraging Platt in New York. The digestion of the Intelligencer has been seriously interrupted because of Boyer's appointment to the Philadelphia Mint, and the selection of Senator Saylor to be Consul to Matanzas, Cuba, acted like chunks of lead on the stomach of the Doylestown paper. Of the latter appointment it says "the President has made one of those political mistakes which are absolutely indefensible and inexcusable, because he knew better."

There are Republicans and Republicans. After witnessing the disgraceful exhibition of McKesson, the Republican mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, in his efforts to become a United States Senator it is refreshing to turn and read of the actions of one described by the Montgomery (Ind.) Press: Mr. Ashley M. Gould stands upon a higher pedestal in Maryland than though he had been elected speaker of the house of delegates. His conduct at Annapolis was dignified, courteous and manly. He stood aloof from "deals" and "pledges," and when the determination of the "bolters" became apparent, Mr. Gould promptly stepped aside and named another candidate for the office. He could have been elected speaker by the same means used to elect Mr. Schaffer, but Mr. Gould is a Republican elected to the legislature by a Republican constituency, and nominated for speaker by three-fourths of the Republicans at the party caucus at Annapolis, and he espoused the effort of the Democratic votes tendered him.

Press League Annual Banquet.

At the first annual meeting of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties to be held at Narristown on Saturday evening, a banquet will be served at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Among those who have accepted invitations to be present as the guests of the League are the Hon. Aaron S. Swartz, President Judge of Montgomery county; Hon. Henry K. Weand, Additional Law Judge of Montgomery county; Hon. Harmon Yerkes, Judge of the Courts of Bucks county, and Hon. Irving P. Wanger, Congressman of the Seventh district of Pennsylvania.

An address will be delivered by Howard M. Jenkins, editor of the Friends' Intelligencer, on the subject, "Journalism in the Two Counties."

Mr. J. Clinton Sellers, managing editor of the Doylestown Republican, will read a paper on "Making Money—for Others."

Mr. E. S. Moser, editor of the Providence Independent, will present a paper on "Journalism in its Relation to Society."

In Olden Times.

People overlooked the importance of permanent beneficial efforts and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Fig will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Board and Rooms.


Desirable rooms, all conveniences, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board, at reasonable rates. Also table boarders. Cor. Mill & Cedar streets, above Child's Grocery.

For Sale or to Let.

The valuable store and residence on the corner of Radcliffe and Dorrance streets. Possession given April 1st, 1898. Apply to or address H. A. Bailey, Bristol, Pa.

For Sale.

Horse, phaeton, single seated sleigh, dog-cart and harness for sale. Will be sold separately. GEORGE W. BOOTH, 321 Dorrance street.



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—James L. Torbet, a well-known resident of Newtown, died suddenly at his residence in that town, on January 2, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis.

—About 1100 post-offices throughout the country were assigned to the money order class on January 3. This makes, approximately, 25,000 post-offices at which money orders may now be obtained or cashed.

Hair Restored to its Natural Color.

At the old reliable hair cutting saloon, 210 Dorrance street, the proprietor, Asker J. Conn, by the use of the Swiss Hair Restorer, is able to restore to its natural color the hair of his patrons that has commenced to turn gray.

Lodge Room for Rent.

Lodge room in Pythian Hall for rent. Largest and best equipped room in town. Also room for entertainments, fairs, etc. Full equipment of dishes, tables, kitchen utensils, etc. For terms &c. apply to L. C. WERTMAN, Trustees.

A Complete Establishment.

Johnson Brothers, the popular clothiers at the corner of Mill and Winter streets. They can dress a man from head to toe in the best style and for a small amount of cash. Their Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Hosiery, Shoes and Neckwear, are all of the latest styles and best makes. They have suits from \$5 to \$20, to \$35.00. Underwear from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per suit; and shoes, well made, neat, strong and substantial, at various prices. For reliable goods, bought from standard houses, go to Johnson Brothers. They keep no such trash upon their premises.

Doylestown Trust Company,

DOYLESTOWN, PA.

Authorized Capital.....	\$250,000
Capital Paid in.....	125,000

Acts as Administrator, Executor, Guardian, Trustee, Assignee, Receiver, Committee, Agent &c.

RECEIVES MONEY ON DEPOSIT SUBJECT TO CHECK.

Insures title to real estate. Interest allowed on certificates of deposit. Collects rents, dividends, coupons, &c., and pays the same to the depositor. Also, insures life, fire and other securities, serving the patrons without charge. Becomes guaranty for trustees and public officers.

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Bucks County Trust Company,

DOYLESTOWN, PA.

Incorporated in 1886.

Authorized Capital.....	\$200,000
Capital paid in.....	\$125,000
Surplus Fund.....	\$75,000

The Company acts as Executor, Administrator, Trustee under Will and otherwise, Guardian, Assignee, Committee, Receiver, Agent, etc. All insurance certificates invested and care marked. Insures title, pays interest on deposits. Becomes guaranty for administrators, etc. Safety Boxes rented without charge.

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BRISTOL POST OFFICE.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAIL.

In effect Monday, Oct. 18, 1897.

NEW YORK AND EAST—Arrives at 11:30 A. M. Leaves at 11:30 A. M. SUNDAYS—Arrives at 8:00 A. M. Leaves at 9:00 A. M.

PHILADELPHIA AND WEST—Arrives at 11:30 A. M. Leaves at 11:30 A. M. SUNDAYS—Arrives at 8:00 A. M. Leaves at 9:00 A. M.

WHEELING AND BALTIMORE—Arrives at 8:00 A. M. Leaves at 9:00 A. M.

KILMER, ON FORD VALLEY, Co.—Arrives at 11:30 A. M. Leaves at 11:30 A. M.

TOWNSHIP STAGE ARRIVES 11:30 A. M., leaves at 12:30 P. M.

Main of the West and South go every Philadelphia.

Post Office closes 5:00 P. M. Saturday, 8:30 P. M. Open Sunday from 9 to 11 A. M.

UPPER DELAWARE RIVER TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

In effect Monday, Oct. 18, 1897.

Steamer Columbia will leave Bristol at 7:15 A. M. and returning near Philadelphia at 2:30 P. M.

Steamer Twilight will make three trips between Philadelphia and Trenton, stopping at Pottsville and Reading.

For times of leaving see Philadelphia Ledger of Record.

In effect Monday, Oct. 18, 1897.

Single fare to Philadelphia, 25c.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

BRISTOL LODGE, No. 25, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

Instituted 1790.

Meets Saturday on or before full moon at Masonic Hall, Bristol.

Wm. L. Leach, Captain Commanding.

HARRY C. Evans, Secretary, Bristol.

HERMIONE LODGE, No. 109, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Instituted 1868.

Meets every Friday night in Pythian Hall.

A. W. Giddens, Chancellor Commanding.

Walter F. Hall, K. of R. and S.

HERMIONE COMPANY, No. 1030 REG OF PENNA., UNIFORM RANK KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Instituted 1865.

Meets Thursday night at Armory in Pythian Hall.

William V. Leach, Captain Commanding.

W. V. Vassett, Sr. Knight Recorder.

BOPKINS LODGE, No. 67, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF THE RED CLOWS.

Instituted 1841.

Meets every Wednesday night in O. O. F. Building.

Major Haddock, Noble Grand.

Harvey S. Bell, K. of R. and S.

MARTHA WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 2, KNIGHTS OF FRIENDSHIP.

Instituted 1841.

Meets every Thursday night in Washington Hall.

Wm. H. Mather, Sr. Knight Marshal.

Wm. H. Mather, Jr. K. of R. and S.

JULIA P. SHADY CHAPTER, No. 5, COMPANIONS OF FRIENDSHIP.

Instituted 1860.

Meets every Wednesday night in Washington Hall.

Mrs. Magie Lawrence, W. G. C.

Miss Dora Wagon, Rec. Secretary.

L. L. L. BEATY POST, No. 73, G. A. R.

Instituted 1865.

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday night of the month in 1st Armory Hall.

Wm. W. Little, Commander.

Charles H. Lippert, Adj. General.

L. L. L. BEATY CHAPTER, No. 2, LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Instituted 1881.

Meets every Thursday night in Washington Hall.

Mrs. Isabella M. Fisher, President.

Mrs. Mattie Vannoy, Recording Secretary.

L. L. L. MORRIS CHAPTER, No. 121, LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Instituted 1881.

Meets every other Wednesday in the parlors of No. 1000 N. 10th St.

Mrs. M. F. Fly, President.

Mrs. Sarah Ford, Secretary.

EDUCATION COUNCIL, No. 1, J. R. ORDER OF THE UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS.

Instituted 1865.

Meets every Thursday night in Pythian Hall.

William A. Moore, Commander.

Charles Smith, Sec. Secretary.

NON-PAREIL COUNCIL, RHOANOCANUM LODGE, No. 1000, J. R. ORDER OF THE UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS.

Instituted 1865.

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday night of the month in Washington Hall.

J. G. G. St. George, Regent.

Wm. H. Smith, Sec. Secretary.

BRISTOL CASTLE, No. 409, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN LEAGUE.

Instituted 1865.

Meets every Tuesday night in Pythian Hall.

George Campbell, Noble Chief.

C. A. Young, Adj. General.

MORGAN TUBE, No. 17, IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

Instituted 1870.

Meets every Monday night in Mott Hall.

Wm. H. Smith, Sec. Secretary.

NESHAMINY COUNCIL, No. 21, DEGREE OF PUUGHONIOS.

Instituted 1865.

Meets every Saturday night at Mott Hall.

Mrs. Catherine A. Butler, President.

Mrs. Mattie Vannoy, Sec. Secretary.

LIGHT OF LIBERTY LODGE, No. 105, AMERICAN PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION.

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